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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Hastings Jeff			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SAExploration Holdings, Inc. [SAEX]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last) 4860 25TH S	(First) TREET SE	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 07/27/2017	X Director 10% Owner Selficer (give title Other (specify below) Chairman and CEO		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person		
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(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-	Derivative	Secu	rities Ac	quired, Disposed	d of, or Benefi	icially Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit or(A) or Dis (Instr. 3,	sposed 4 and :	of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	07/27/2017		M	29,418	A	\$ 0 (1)	30,248 (2)	D	
Common Stock	07/27/2017		F	8,046	D	\$ 2.98	22,202 (3)	D	
Common Stock	07/27/2017		J <u>(4)</u>	82,156	D	\$0	27,000	I	Through dispositive and voting control of Speculative Seismic Investments, LLC (5)

Common Stock

24,221

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Through dispositive and voting control of CLCH, LLC (6)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	orDeriva Securit Acquir	ties red (A) posed of 3, 4,	6. Date Exer Expiration D (Month/Day/	ate	7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units (1)	<u>(1)</u>	07/27/2017		M	2	29,418	<u>(7)</u>	<u>(7)</u>	Common Stock	29,418
Stock Option (Right to	\$ 10.19 (9)						(10)	09/26/2026	Common Stock	88,252

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Hastings Jeff 4860 25TH STREET SE CALGARY, A0 T2B 3M2	X		Chairman and CEO				

Signatures

Reporting Person

Buy) (8)

/s/ Jeffrey	07/31/201		
Hastings			
**Signature of	Date		

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Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
 - The restricted stock units were issued pursuant to the SAExploration Holdings, Inc. (the "Company") 2016 Long Term Incentive Plan on September 26, 2016. The 2016 Long Term Incentive Plan was amended and restated effective as of May 30, 2017 (as amended, the
- "LTIP"). Each restricted stock unit issued pursuant to the LTIP represents the right to receive, upon the applicable vesting date, either (i) a share of Common Stock of the Company or (ii) an amount of cash equal in value to the value of a share of the Company's Common Stock on the date of transfer. The Reporting Person elected to receive shares of Common Stock of the Company in lieu of an amount of cash equal to the value of such Common Stock of the Company.
- (2) Amount includes (a) 830 shares previously directly owned by Reporting Person, and (b) 8,046 shares to be withheld to cover tax obligations incident to the vesting of the Common Stock.
- Amount includes 830 shares previously directly owned by Reporting Person. The aggregate amount of securities beneficially owned by the Reporting Person is the amount in this Note 3 plus the amounts indirectly owned through Speculative Seismic Investments, LLC and CLCH, LLC as set forth in Notes 4 and 5, respectively, below.
- (4) Distribution by Speculative Seismic Investments, LLC, a Texas limited liability company controlled by the Reporting Member, to its non-managing members.
- (5) Speculative Seismic Investments, LLC is a Texas limited liability company controlled by the Reporting Member.
- (6) CLCH, LLC is an Alaska limited liability company controlled by the Reporting Member.
- The restricted stock units will vest as follows: (i) 1/3 on the earliest to occur of certain events as defined in the LTIP; (ii) 1/3 on the (7) second anniversary of the Closing Date, as defined in the LTIP; and (iii) the remaining 1/3 on the third anniversary of the Closing Date, as defined in the LTIP.
- (8) The non-qualified stock options were issued pursuant to the Company's LTIP on September 26, 2016.
- (9) The Exercise Price of the option is \$10.19 per share, which is equal to the VWAP per common share for the 30-day period that ends on the Grant Date, all terms as defined in the Company's LTIP.
- The stock option becomes exercisable as follows: (i) 1/3 of the Option on the earliest to occur of certain events as defined in the LTIP, (10) (ii) 1/3 of the Option on the second anniversary of the Closing Date, as defined in the LTIP; and (iii) the remaining 1/3 of the Option on the third anniversary of the Closing Date, as defined in the LTIP.

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